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CHANECLLOR KREISKY, HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
IN THE FEW HOURS I HAVE BEEN IN SALZBURG, I HAVE COME TO
UNDERSTAND HOW AUSTRIA EARNS A BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FROM
TOURISM.

THE CHARM AND CHARACTER OF THIS LOVELY OLD CITY--SO
BEAUTIFULLY REFLECTED IN THIS RESIDANCE WHERE WE ARE DINING
TONIGHT--IS A TRIBUTE TO A COUNTRY THAT CHERISHES ITS PAST
WHILE WORKING FOR A SECURE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

AUSTRIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ENJOYED A WARM AND
FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP OVER A LONG SPAN OF HISTORY. I AM NOT
CERTAIN THAT THIS EXTENDED BACK TO EMPRESS MARIA THERESA AND
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, BUT I DO KNOW THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP
DURING THE POST-WAR PERIOD HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY CLOSE AND
MUTUALLY SUSTAINING.

WHEN I ARRIVED TODAY, I ALLUDED TO THE ROLE OF
AMERICA IN THE LIBERATION AND REBUILDING OF MODERN
AUSTRIA. THE SUBSEQUENT REESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVEREIGN
AUSTRIA, THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHICH WAS CELEBRATED
JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, WAS A LANDMARK IN THE POST-WAR
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WORLD. IT DEMONSTRATED THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING

STABILITY AND SECURITY THROUGH COMPROMISE AND STRICT
ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC SELF-DETERMINATION
AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. THE CONCILIATION AND COMPROMISE
DEMONSTRATED THEN BY ALL SIDES HELPED PRODUCE THE
VIGOROUS, DYNAMIC, AND PROSPEROUS AUSTRIA WE SEE TODAY,
AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE STABLE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL
ENVIRONMENT IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IT SEEMS TO ME
THAT THIS EXPERIENCE MAY PROVIDE A USEFUL LESSON FOR US ALL
IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

MR. CHANCELLOR, I RAISE MY GLASS TO AUSTRIAN
HOSPITALITY AND "GEMUTLICHKEIT", AND TO THE CONTINUED
FREEDOM, STABILITY, AND PROGRESS OF THIS BEAUTIFUL LAND. BUCHANAN

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